



Ronald Rutherford

November 27, 2007

Ronald Rutherford, 69, passed away on November 20, 2007 with his wife at his side after a brief illness. Born in Biggar, Saskatchewan Canada to Jack and Willa Rutherford his family soon moved to Glenboro, Manitoba. After graduating from high school he moved to the states and went to work for a pipeline construction company until he was drafted into the Army Corps of Engineers. Ron spent 2 years in the army stationed in Germany. After the army he went to work for Williams Brothers in Libya. During one of his short visits back to Tulsa he met his future bride, Judy Baker, in a whirlwind courtship and they were married for 41 years. After completing his job in Libya, Ron and Judy soon returned to Tulsa where he enrolled in Tulsa University, Ron graduated Cum Laude and was a member of the Engineering Honor society Tau Beta Pi. Ron had a successful career with Conoco/Phillips for 30 years that moved him and his family to various locations around the world. In 1998 he retired as President of Dubai Petroleum Company, a subsidiary of Conoco Phillips, and he and his wife settled in Conroe, Texas. The last 10 years of retirement allowed Ron to do the things he truly loved, traveling, playing golf and spending time with his family. Even though Ron wasn't born in Texas he spent many years here and considered himself a Texan at heart. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Judy Rutherford of Montgomery, TX; daughter, Amy Jagers and husband Christopher of Austin, TX; son, John Rutherford and wife Mandy of Austin, TX; son, Michael Rutherford of Spring, TX; granddaughters Phoebe Jagers and Tegan

Rutherford of Austin, TX; sister, Joan Gallie and husband, Don of Winnipeg, Manitoba; sister, Wendy Broadfoot and husband, Ken of Winnipeg Manitoba; sister, Brenda Heinrichs and husband, Doug of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, 3 nieces, 4 nephews, 2 grand nephews and 3 grand nieces. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 10 AM in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas. You are invited to leave a written tribute to the family on our website at www.shmfh.com. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Ron's name to the annual Bentwater Drive for the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I'm honestly not sure I have the right Rutherford but his parents and our family back in the 40s may have been acquainted in some way as I found a baby picture of Ronald Rutherford in a stack of old Capps family photos. Looks like they were in the same area so who knows. I hope he had a good life and wish him peace. Thank you..

RJ - August 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ Ronald Rutherford

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

HM

“ Rutherford Family -- I was saddened to hear of your loss. I was privileged to be one of Ron's teachers at the University of Tulsa. Ron was an outstanding student in an outstanding class. Later I was privileged to meet him again when I joined Conoco a few years later. He was an exceptional person who had a remarkable career, and I feel fortunate to have known him.
Harry McLeod

Harry McLeod - December 01, 2007 at 03:39 PM

TV

“ Judy,
Our deepest sympathy on your tragic loss.
Ron was not just a great leader and Boss, but a truly nice and sincere person who will be sadly missed.
Warmest regards - our thoughts are with you and your family. Tony & Helen

Tony Vaughan - November 28, 2007 at 11:13 AM

SR

“ *Judy and family,*

I had the pleasure of visiting with you and Ron at a Rutherford family reunion in Prescott a couple years ago. I am grateful for that opportunity. I am so sorry to hear of Ron's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Steve Rutherford

Steve Rutherford - November 28, 2007 at 08:29 AM

HB

“ *Dear Judy and Family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss but hope that the services yesterday went some way to help you begin the grieving process. Ron was the best general manager Conoco in Aberdeen ever had. We all have very fond memories of you both during your time here.*

With love, Helen

Helen Brass - November 28, 2007 at 08:20 AM

PB

“ *Judy and family, as this day has gone by, I truly wish I could have been there to join in the celebration of Ron's life and support you in this difficult time. I'm sure many great memories were shared, as he gave so much to everyone he knew. As you know, geography made it so I only met him a handful of times, but his soul was one that could not be forgotten. I will miss his visits to Winnipeg and Glenboro very much.*

My sincerest condolences to all of you.

Love, Paul, Teresa and Kate Broadfoot

Paul, Teresa, and Kate Broadfoot - November 27, 2007 at 10:06 PM

JW

“ Judy - Loretta and I have you and your family in our prayers and send our deepest sympathy and support during this time of sorrow. We hold both you and Ron deep in our hearts based on our working and family relationship. Going forward we pray for your strength to manage all that lies ahead.

Johnny & Loretta

Johnny & Loretta Williams - November 27, 2007 at 09:13 AM

MT

“ Dear Judy and Family,
I was truly saddened to hear the sad news of Rons passing. Ron was a true gentleman and a pleasure to work with. I will never forget his kindness when I lost my husband on the Piper Platform. He was a great support when I needed a compassionate helpful Boss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this sad time. God Bless
Margaret Thompson xx

Margaret Thompson - November 27, 2007 at 08:31 AM

DH

“ Dear Judy, Amy and family, John and family and Michael. Please know our thoughts and prayers will be with you all tomorrow at Ron's celebration of life. I am so sorry we will not be able to be at the service. He was a great brother and he will be missed so much. It was such a treat to have him come and stay when he visited mom. He was her favorite which was just fine with us three girls. He will always be in our hearts. May the family find comfort in each other tomorrow.

Doug and Brenda Heinricks - November 26, 2007 at 10:20 PM

JT

“ Dear Judy and Family,
Susan and I send our deepest sympathy. I had the pleasure of working for Ron in Aberdeen, Scotland. He had that very rare and gifted quality of being both tough but also a very kind, compassionate and generous person. Susan and I also remember fondly the hospitality shown to us and son Chris by Judy and Ron during our assignment in Aberdeen. Our deepest sympathy to you and family during this time of loss.

John and Susan Turner.

John Turner - November 26, 2007 at 08:07 PM

KS

“ Dear Judy,
We're deeply saddened to learn of Ron's premature departure from this life. Please accept our condolences and our prayers for peace for you and the family.
Ron was a joy to know and work with; a hard worker, a straight shooter, one who knew how to have fun and share it with those around him.
The time that you and Ron spent here in the UK was one of the best of my years with Conoco and neither of us will forget your kindness to Barbara after her brother died so suddenly while I was out of the country.
We're sorry that we can't be with you for the service but please know that all of you are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith and Barbara Webster

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Keith & Barbara Webster, Aberdeen, Scotland - November 26, 2007 at 04:53 PM

HO

“ Dear Rutherfords & Jagers,

I wanted to send along my condolences to all of you before the memorial service tomorrow. I really wish I could be there tomorrow. I hope to see many of you over the holiday, as I will be in Texas for longer than usual this year. Mr. Rutherford was such a kind, friendly person and I have nothing but positive memories of him. I am so glad to know that he had many years after retirement to focus on all the things he loves in life, but wish he could have had more. Judy, I'm also relieved to hear that you were able to be by his side when he passed away and that it was a peaceful goodbye. Amy, it has been good to talk with you over the phone recently and I wish you and your family strength and hope. I look forward to seeing you in December.

Take care,

Heather Ogren

Heather Ogren - November 26, 2007 at 01:16 PM

LB

“ Dear Judy and family,

We were so saddened to hear of Ron's untimely death and send our deepest condolences. I remember Ron fondly as an intriguing, older cousin while he lived in Biggar. He had a quiet strength yet charisma about him. It was such a pleasure to meet you and become reacquainted with Ron on the trip to Arizona. The train ride to the Grand Canyon gave us an opportunity to share our past years. I have always felt a special connection to Ron. May your family be surrounded by special memories.

Our deepest regards, Loy and Keith Bacon

Loy & Keith Bacon - November 26, 2007 at 11:20 AM

BR

“ Dear Judy and family. We were so saddened to receive the news of Ron’s passing. We had the opportunity to spend time with you and Ron at a Rutherford Family Reunion about three years ago in Prescott and now that time has become all the more precious. Barry recalls his first recollections of his cousin Ron back in the early 60’s proudly driving his red Ford 2-door car and being in awe of his older cousin. He also fondly remembers Ron being a true Rutherford back then – being short of hair!

We are sorry that we will not be able to attend the service for Ron but just want you to know that we are thinking of all of you at this time. May the memories of good times spent with him help you all through this sad time. Barry and Bev Rutherford, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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IH

“ May my wife Betty and I send your famly our condolences on the loss of one of the most friendly members at Bentwater C.C. Ron was so nice. We have you in our prayers Judy, just trust in God and all will come out ok for you.

*Ike Hargraves
Player Assistant
Bentwater*

Ike Hargraves - November 25, 2007 at 06:43 PM

GH

“ Ron was one of the nicest people we have ever had the pleasure of knowing and working with. He was friendly, sincere and always had time to vist. He made us feel special. We loved him, and will miss him terribly. Judy, we are very sorry we will not be here to pay our respects at Ron's Celebration of Life Service. We send our most sincere condolences to you and your family.

Gordon and Carolyn Hitchings

Gordon & Carolyn Hitchings - November 25, 2007 at 06:27 PM

TK

“ Judy - Our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of Ron. We greatly enjoyed our years together at Conoco and the chances to see you all from time to time at Bentwater. We claim God's promise for Ron in Rev 21 - "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

May you and your family feel the comfort of God's presence even as you mourn Ron's passing.

Tom and Candy Knudson

Tom and Candy Knudson - November 25, 2007 at 03:38 PM

GL

“ Ron was always gracious and friendly. His love of golf was obvious, and he was a pleasure to play with. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and we send our deepest condolences to Judy and family.

Ginny & Bob Lutz - November 25, 2007 at 01:27 PM

KW

“ Ron was one of the nicest folks that I had the pleasure to know, and was the epitome of a professional in all that he did. I enjoyed working with Ron tremendously, and found him to always treat everyone with fairness and respect.

We are all diminished by the loss of Ron, and send our deepest condolences to Judy and the entire family, as well as to all his many friends.

Ken and Mary Watts

Ken & Mary Watts - November 24, 2007 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ To the Rutherford Family,

Although I have only met Uncle Ron a few times, I always loved spending time with him and looked forward to his visits. He had such a fun loving spirit and it only made me wish that we were all closer so that I could have gotten to know you all. I can't even begin to imagine the feelings you are facing right now and you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this part in your journey of life. Trust that God will guide you and give you the strength you need. He is and always will be there for you.

*In Love and prayer,
Cortney Whitelaw (Heinricks)*

Cortney Whitelaw - November 23, 2007 at 09:07 PM